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MAGNETO-OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD OF RECORDING ON
MAGNETO-OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM, AND METHOD OF
REPRODUCTION FROM MAGNETO-OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM
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- 1) JP 6-290496
- 2) WO 03/046905

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